*A.*—(*a*) G.O. No. 917, Public, dated 16th September 1902, contains the orders about Government servants attending offices on Sundays and holidays, and is placed [a] on the table.

(*b*) The Government have no reason to suppose that clerks are compelled by overwork to attend office on such days.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" My enquiry is whether the hon. Member is aware that clerks attend office on Sundays and holidays. On a day on which I happened to go here, I found a number of clerks working including the hon. the Revenue Member."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" There is nothing in the answer to show that they do not attend. The question was whether they were compelled by over work to attend."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I want to know whether they will attend, if they are not overworked."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Certainly, they might."

*Reversions and reductions in the Secretariat.*

* 2411 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there has been any abnormal number of reversions and reductions in any department of the Secretariat, and if so, the reasons therefor?

*A.*—The answer is in the negative.

## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

### Industries.

*Representation from the Kanara Indian Christian Civil League.*

2412 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether Government have received a representation from the Kanara Indian Christian Civil League as to aid to Industries, training of apprentices, coconut pest, etc., and what action has been taken on it?

*A.*—A representation from the League has been received and it will receive due consideration.

### Local Boards.

*Observance of holidays in aided schools.*

2413 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to my question No. 1326 given on 3rd December 1924, as to the observance of holidays in aided schools (including local board schools)—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that all or several local board schools under the control of the Ponnani Taluk Board were kept open on Good Friday in April last;

(*b*) whether under the Madras Educational Rules Good Friday and other Easter holidays are not observed in the board schools in the Ponnani taluk;

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 371-372 infra.